

HOME OF BETTY WASHINGTON REMINISCENT OF COLONIAL DAYS

"KENMORE" ASSOCIATED WITH FATHER OF NATION

Association Formed to Save Fine Old Mansion From Commercialism and Preserve Memory of Colonel Fielding Lewis, Patriot.

By John Godnick, Jr.
"Kenmore" stands in a park which in autumn is an explosion of color. An old wall, covered with Virginia ivy, adds a touch of enchantment to the Colonial house and great oaks and willows, that were spreading their branches when Mary Washington, Colonel Fielding Lewis, and his wife, Betty Washington, lived on Kenmore Farm, cheeks the sunlight on the lawn. The old home, built in 1743, was the scene of many a gay and majestic dinner, as befitting now as on the day, in 1775, when Colonel Lewis brought his bride, George Washington's older sister, to add her charm to that the place possessed.

It is because "Kenmore" was Colonels Lewis' home that the Betty Washington Association, a cluster of patriots of the American Revolution of Fredericksburg, has begun a movement to save the place, which is threatened now by encroaching modern buildings. It is to be saved, it may be purchased and held by some association. For this purpose they have organized the Kenmore Association Incorporated.

Built by Colonel Lewis.
"Kenmore" was built by Colonel Lewis shortly after he married the fascinating Betty Washington. Mary Washington took up her home across the river, after her marriage, had flown and George had gone into the wilderness to make Lord Fairfax's survey, she came to "Kenmore," but in short time built near it, and on the place, a house of her own, plain English bungalow along the walk from the simple cottage to "Kenmore" mansion.

Colonel Fielding Lewis was judged more valuable at home than in the army, and when his son-to-be-famous brother-in-law, George Washington, was born, the American Army, its colonel established "The Gunner" at Fredericksburg, and with great energy began to turn out rifles for the patriot army. He was appointed in July, 1775, chief commissioner for the manufacture of small arms, ordnance, gunpowder, etc., in Fredericksburg, and turned not only his attention, but his private fortune, to that enterprise. He advanced (what was then a great sum) for this work \$25,000 of his own money, going into the arms factory, and he himself wrote, "that for my advances the enterprise must have been discon-

Weakness of Republic.
The weakness of a republic is a thing of adage. Needless to say, he was never repaid.

The members of Fredericksburg are now trying to pay back a bit of interest on his loan. They are raising \$20,000 to buy "Kenmore," and keep it as a mark of respect to his memory.

Colonel Lewis' service did not end with the making of arms. When organization of the patriot army started running well he took himself to the front and served valiantly in many campaigns, and when the surrender came at Yorktown he was there as commander of a division. His son, Captain Robert Lewis, the historian, "Kenmore" was Washington's secretary, and later the Major of Fredericksburg.

To the splendor of "Kenmore" Washington lent his aid. He suggested some of the interior decorations, and the creases, the motif of

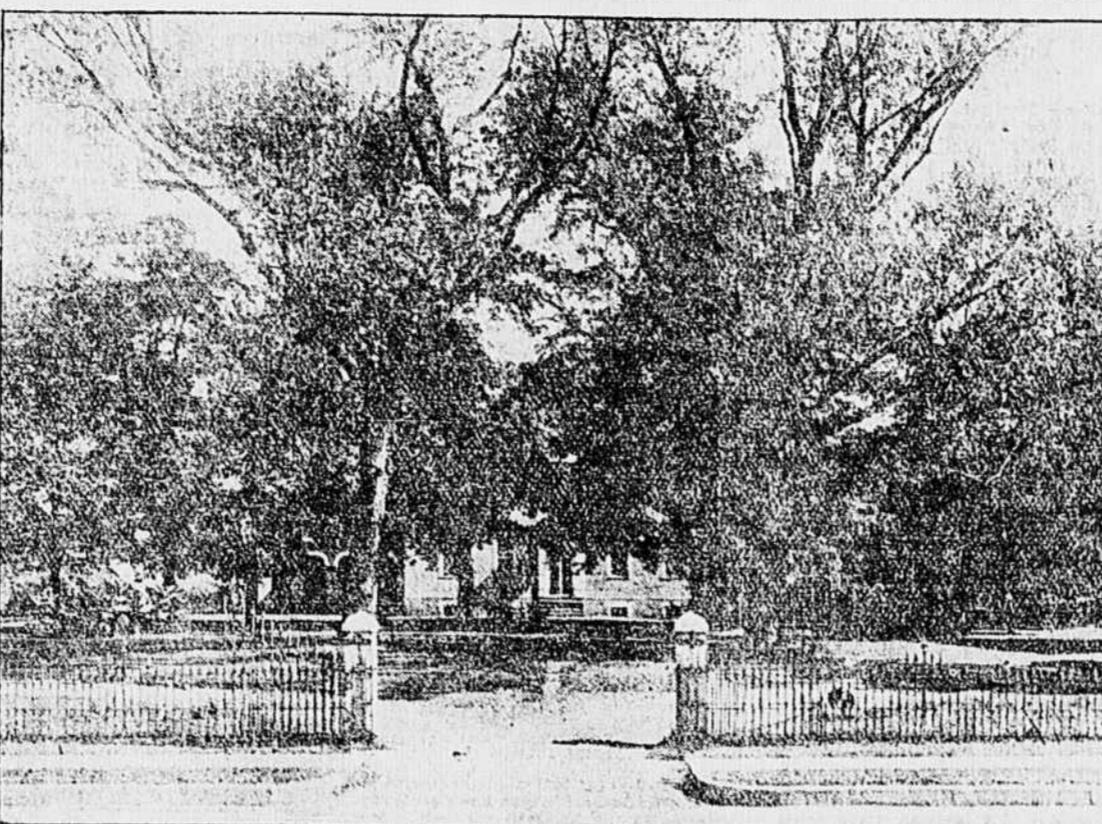
COZY CORNER CLUB TO ENTER A FLOAT IN PAGEANT PARADE

Members of Organization Vote to Award Ticket for Event to Contestant Whose Suggestion for Type of Exhibit Is Accepted.

By Harry Tucker.
Now, gentle reader, Charles Taylor, remarked, as the member of the Cozy Corner Club settled down in his seat, "All them other clubs and things has got one," added the vice-president.

It seems to me that we

"Kenmore," Near Fredericksburg, Where Sister of George Washington Resided



It was here that Betty Washington lived following her marriage. Her mother's home is close by.

dent, "so I agree with the suggestion just offered."

"We oughter have the best one in line," asserted Secretary Fred Putnam. "We can't be second to nobody else. What we do must be done in the most elaborate way. It must be the biggest, the uniquest, and the most ornate of any of them."

"What subject shall we pick?" the president asked.

"George Washington crossing the Alps," suggested Ben Wilson.

"No, on gents," said the president,

"makes suggestions, and then we'll vote on the best one."

"I suggest we make it William Penn dissecting Philadelphia," piped Senator Williams.

"How'd you get in this?" snapped Jim Treenon. "You ain't been reported yet by the nominating committee. The rules is nobody can take action on nothing until he has been reported."

"Brother Treenon is in error," the president corrected. "Brother Williams has duly qualified. You wasn't here when it was done. He went through the initiation like a veteran. His suggestion will be placed on file."

"I suggest we make it the president," reported Brother Treenon. "I stand ready to accept his apology."

"I move we make it George Wash-

ington cutting down that apple tree," Roy Speights said.

"Our Nancy's Throwing Snowballs.

"Our garter have different eras," asserted Kim Netherwood, "supposin'

we have Nancy Astor throwing snowballs at Sergeant Martin?"

"That's worth considering," President Taylor opined, "except we ain't got no snowballs."

"I got an idea," exclaimed Henry Schwarzschild. "Let's get the general public to send in suggestions, and then we can pick the best one. Tell the secretary to invite everybody to send us a suggestion on a postal card man."

"That there being settled?" President Taylor asserted. "I'd like to call your attention to a circular I got from a book agent wanting to sell us a book on etiquette. It says we don't know how to pick up a girl when we drop it at the table. And, according to this, it says we don't even know what to do with a napkin after we have unfolded it. To start in on the soup. It further declares that we wouldn't know whether to eat grapefruit with a knife or a fork."

"Does it say which way to go when you meet a fellow coming down the street, so's to keep from wig-wagging?" Claude Watkins inquired.

"I don't want no etiquette expert to tell me which way to go," asserted Ben Wilson. "He is big and stalwart, and the rest of us can't hold him. If he is big and stalwart, he can't be the right of way, and I don't stand for no back talk. That's the kind I am."

"And, I observe," the president went on, "that we don't know when to wear dress suits when we wear them, and we are likely to embarrass them, and we are likely to embarrass them."

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"Murphy's," Tom McDaniel hinted.

"The president can then, if he wants, have um on file, so's when we meet on Friday we can kick speedily and have the float ready for the big parade."

"As an inducement," Wirt Graffam said, "suppose we present the lucky suggestor with a ticket to the pay-

"Whose gonna be eligible for this contest?" asked Gus McDonough.

"Anybody over 5 years of age," decided the president.

"I think this out as a hint," said Claude Watkins.

"Harry Bernstein, of the New York Times, is a good example," said Harry Bernstein.

"There is some more wise words full

of sense," asserted Luther Cheatwood.

"And we can get Chief Sherry to notify the police to inform the citizens to send in their postal cards."

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